

## Re: NPDES Question Regarding Food Waste

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Hello Brian,

The effluent limitations for domestic wastes (Discharge 004; Table 4) do not allow the discharge of floating solids. So, if you are grinding the food waste and discharging them, please ensure through visual monitoring that there are no floating solids.

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## Greetings,

I have received a couple phone calls this weekend from Spartan 151 in Cook Inlet regarding disposal methods of food waste.

In the Gulf of Mexico, they grind it up and do subsurface disposal from the rig.

As I read the Cook Inlet NPDES:

- 1. Within AKG 31-5000 regarding definitions (page 61); Domestic Waste includes the galley, but appear limited to just Gray water and not actual ground-up food waste. Table 1 Dischard Type 004 (Domestic Waste) state no solids or foam. That would rule out the ground-up food waste.
- 2. The only spot I can locate for food stuff would be the last line on Table 1 "Trash & Debris During Exploration", which allows no discharge.

Is that last line the correct area for food waste?

The current company man has stated that other rigs in Cook Inlet are allowed to dispose of food waste overboard once it has been ground up. Is that because they are production platforms and we are exploration?

In short, am I correct where I have assumed food waste belongs regarding Table 1?

Please let me know,

Brian

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